

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 15-24 and 29-38 are pending in this application. In the Office Action of March 7, 2008, the Examiner set forth a number of grounds for rejection. These grounds are addressed individually and in detail below.

Objections to the Amendment

The Amendment, filed 12/10/07, is objected to for introducing new matter into the disclosure. Specifically, the Examiner alleges that “the amendments to claims 1 and 9 add limitations which are not supported by the specification as filed: claim 1 requires a **façade or insert spaced from the side or end wall to an extent sufficient to accommodate a surface effect material; and further requires that the façade or insert comprises a secondary cage structure.** Claim 9 requires ‘means’ spaced from the structure so that a surface effect material can be positioned between and requires that the means comprises a cage structure.” (Emphases added.)

Applicant respectfully disagrees. The amendment to Claim 1 is supported by the original Claim 1 and canceled Claims 3 and 5, and by the original specification at least on pages 3-4. Specifically, the original Claim 1 recites “the cage structure being provided on at least one side or end wall with a **façade spaced from the side or end wall to an extent sufficient to accommodate a surface effect material between that at least one side or end wall and the façade.**” The original Claim 3 recites: “the cage structure being provided on at least one side or end wall with **an insert spaced from the side or end wall to an extent sufficient to accommodate a surface effect material between**

that at least one side or end wall and the insert.” Original Claim 5 recites “**wherein the façade or insert comprises a secondary cage structure ...**” Similar language can also be found in the specification on page 3, the last paragraph; and on page 4, the first, third and fourth paragraphs.

The amendment to Claim 9 is supported by the original Claim 9 and canceled Claims 13 and 14, and by the original specification on pages 5-6. Specifically, original Claim 9 recites “means defining a covering surface which overlies the support surface but is spaced therefrom, so that a quantity of surface effect material to create the outer surface effect can be positioned between the support surface and the covering surface and wherein the covering surface is in the form of a panel.” Original Claim 13 recites “wherein the structure is a cage structure.” Original Claim 14 recites “wherein the structure comprises opposed side walls connected by opposed walls defining a cage cavity therebetween.” Similar language can also be found in the specification on page 8, the first and second paragraphs.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to Claims 1 and 9 are supported by the specification as originally filed.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 15-24, 29-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Specifically, the Examiner alleges that independent Claims 1 and 9 include new matter. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

As discussed above, the amended Claim 1 is supported by the original Claim 1, canceled Claims 3 and 5, and by the original specification at least on pages 3-4; and the amended Claim 9 is supported by the original Claim 9, canceled Claims 13 and 14, and by the original specification on pages 5-6. Therefore, Claims 1 and 9 are well supported by the specification as originally filed.

In view of the foregoing, the grounds for this rejection have been obviated and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection is respectfully requested.

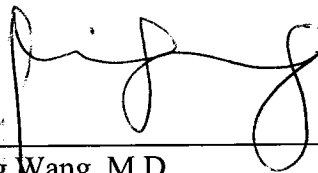
CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Ping Wang, M.D. (Reg. No. 48,328) at the telephone number listed below.

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